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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant Announcement (22g)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that as the result of a legislative change in PA 116 of 2014, funds originally appropriated under Section 22g of PA 60 of 2013, strictly for transition costs associated with the complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts are now available as reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of operations or services. Since a portion of the appropriation has already been awarded under the original legislation, an amount of approximately \$4,300,000 remains for additional consolidation projects.

Funding is available for consolidations that occurred on or after June 1, 2013. These competitive grants will be awarded based on the applicant meeting criteria one or two and criteria three and four below:

1. Consolidation of two or more public school districts or intermediate school districts
2. Consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government
3. Well defined cost savings, efficiencies, and educational system benefits
4. Completion timeframe well defined

The application will become available through the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS+) on July 1, 2014. MDE will accept applications through August 1, 2014 and make award announcements by September 30, 2014.

To assist you in preliminary planning, a copy of the grant scoring summary can be reviewed at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CoS_Scoring_Sheet_460989_7.xls. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher May at MayC@michigan.gov or 517-335-1263.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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